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July 19, 1999

The City Council met in special session at the hour of 1:17 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on the day above written.

Present:	Tom Boyajian	Councilmember
	Garry Bredefeld	Councilmember
	Chris Mathys	Acting Council President
	Henry Perea	Councilmember
	Sal Quintero	Councilmember
	Dan Ronquillo	Councilmember
	Ken Steitz	Council President (via telephone from Los Angeles)

Jeff Reid, City Manager
Dan Fitzpatrick, Agency Executive Director
Hilda Cantu Montoy, City Attorney
Becky Klisch, City Clerk
Yolanda Salazar, Assistant City Clerk

(1:15 P.M.) SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

(“A”) CONSIDER COUNCIL OVERRIDE OF MAYORAL VETO ON 7/12/99, OF BILL NO. B-45 - ORDINANCE NO. 99-42, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL CITY COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT (VERSION A-2, \$54 MILLION CAP, WITHOUT MERGER, NORTHERN BOUNDARY TO SHAW AVENUE)

Acting President Mathys announced the time had arrived to consider the issue. Agency Director Fitzpatrick briefly reviewed the background of the issue, and Acting President Mathys opened the public testimony portion of the issue.

Speaking in opposition to redevelopment, the plan, and boundaries were: Don Barker, representing Wayne Barker, owners of property at 4735-77 N. Blackstone; Tom Ferdinandi, owner of property at 4750 - 4774 N. Blackstone; and Gordon Knott, owner of property at 4838 - 4856 N. Blackstone. Larry Fortune, 1195 W. Shaw, Central City Redevelopment Project Area Committee Chair, spoke in support of the project and urged Council to override the veto.

City Attorney Montoy responded to questions of Acting President Mathys and President Steitz relating to ability to revise the boundaries and whether the veto process and referral back to Planning Commission would be triggered.

Acting President Mathys made a motion, seconded by President Steitz, to revised the northern boundary from Shaw Avenue to Saginaw Avenue, which was acted upon after lengthy discussion.

Kenneth Moore, Blackstone Avenue property owner, spoke in support of overriding the Mayor's veto.

Upon call, no one else wished to be heard and Acting President Mathys closed the public testimony portion of the matter.

Councilmember Perea offered a substitute motion to override the veto before voting on a boundary adjustment, which motion was ruled impermissible by Ms. Montoy. Councilmember Ronquillo briefly commented on the Mayor's written veto comments relative to redevelopment tax revenues stating he strongly disagreed.

Extensive discussion ensued with Mr. Fitzpatrick, the business owners, and Agency Project Manager Freeman responding to numerous questions of Councilmembers Bredefeld and Quintero relative to the business owners' ability to make improvements, permit process, owner participation agreements (OPA's), support of the various commissions/committees for the Shaw boundary, excluding the three business owners from the plan, the Mayor's comments relative to losing City general fund dollars to the Agency, number of redevelopment areas, amount of undeveloped redevelopment property, and the hearing process and meetings and if any objections were made at those meetings.

Additional speakers in support of the Redevelopment Agency and the plan were: Tom Estes, Building Trades Council; and Luciano Olivar, Business Representative, Sheet Metal Workers, speaking as a taxpayer.

Upon question of President Steitz, Ms. Montoy clarified the motion on the floor would adopt a new ordinance with an amended Saginaw boundary, and advised if adopted, the veto process would be triggered again, the plan would still be implemented, and the only negative would be the lack of the ability to capture the tax increment for one year.

President Steitz offered an amendment to the motion to require a 7-0 vote to eminent domain, brief discussion ensued, and the proposed amendment died for lack of a second.

BILL NO. 49 - ORDINANCE NO. 99-46 - APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CENTAL CITY COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT (NORTH BOUNDARY AT SAGINAW AVENUE)

On motion of Acting President Mathys, seconded by President Steitz, duly carried, RESOLVED, the above entitled Bill No. B-49 adopted as Ordinance No. 99-46, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Boyajian, Bredefeld, Mathys, Quintero, Ronquillo
Noes	:	Perea, Steitz
Absent	:	None

Acting President Mathys requested, as a Councilmember representing the city, that the Mayor not veto the ordinance.

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(“B”) CONSIDER COUNCIL OVERRIDE OF MAYORAL VETO ON 7/12/99, OF BILL NO. B-44 - ORDINANCE NO. 99-44, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE AIRPORT AREA REVITALIZATION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT (VERSION A-2, \$40 MILLION CAP, WITHOUT MERGER, INCLUDING ALL GAP PROPERTIES)

Agency Director Fitzpatrick briefly reviewed the background of the issue. Agency Director Fitzpatrick briefly reviewed the background of the issue, and Acting President Mathys opened the public testimony portion of the issue. Upon call, no one wished to be heard and Acting President Mathys closed the public testimony portion of the matter.

Acting President Mathys briefly commented on the issue, noted one alternative not proposed was to adopt the project without the 70 acres already developed on The Gap property, **(2 - 0)** and made a motion to exclude those 70 improved acres which would remain with the City.

Councilmember Ronquillo briefly commented on the issue stating it would only be wise to incorporate the entire area to try and get back as much revenue as possible and noted he could not support the motion. Upon request, the motion was clarified to exclude the first Gap transaction which would not trigger a referral back to the Planning Commission as they considered that option.

A motion of Acting President Mathys, seconded by Councilmember Boyajian, to adopt the plan excluding The Gap's 70 improved acres (the first transaction) failed, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Boyajian, Bredefeld, Mathys
Noes	:	Perea, Quintero, Ronquillo, Steitz
Absent	:	None

A motion and second to override the Mayor's veto was made.

On motion of Councilmember Perea, seconded by Councilmember Bredefeld, duly carried, **RESOLVED**, a call for the question approved and debate on the issue closed, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Boyajian, Bredefeld, Perea, Quintero, Ronquillo
Noes	:	Mathys, Steitz
Absent	:	None

On motion of Councilmember Ronquillo, seconded by Councilmember Perea, duly carried, **RESOLVED**, the Mayoral veto on the adoption of the Airport Area Revitalization Redevelopment Plan overridden, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Boyajian, Bredefeld, Mathys, Perea, Ronquillo
Noes	:	Ronquillo, Steitz
Absent	:	None

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Council, the hour of 2:10 having arrived and hearing no objections, Acting President Mathys declared the special meeting adjourned.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 1999.

_____ ATTEST: _____	
Chris Mathys, Acting Council President	Yolanda Salazar, Assistant City Clerk

